Closure of Private Universities

*84. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether about a hundred private universities in different parts of the country have been closed following a recent judgement of the Supreme Court of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to protect interest of a large number of affected students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Supreme Court of India *vide* its judgment dated 11 February, 2005 in writ Petition (Civil) No. 19/2004: Prof. Yash Pal & Ors. Vs. State of Chhattisgarh & Ors., has declared the provisions of Section 5 and 6, of the Chhattisgarh Niji Kshetra Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapana Aur Viniyaman) Adhiniyam, 2002, to be ultra vires of the Constitution. All notifications issued by the State Government in the Gazette in the purported exercise of powers under Section 5 of the aforesaid Act, notifying the Universities, have been quashed and such Universities cease to exist. The Supreme Court also held that "the impugned Act which specifically makes a provision enabling a University to have an off-campus center outside the State is cleary beyond the legislative competence of the Chhattisgarh legislature." The Supreme Court also directed that if any institutions have been established by such Universities, steps may be taken for their affiliation to already existing State Universities.

(c) In view of above, the Chhattisgarh Government has been requested to inform whether any specific intervention is required to be taken by the Government of India in the matter. The UGC has also been requested to examine the judgement and its implications, particularly for the bonafide students enrolled with these "universities' so that, should the need arise, the Commission could be requested to take appropriate steps in the matter.

Funds to Maharashtra for tribal welfare

*85. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided to Maharashtra during the last two years for welfare of tribals, Scheme-wise; and

(b) the number of proposals lying pending for want of approval and by when approval is likely to be accorded to the pending proposals?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH) : (a) A statement showing details of the funds released to the Government of Maharashtra for welfare of tribal people, Scheme-wise, during the last two years is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) A total number of 121 proposals received from the Government of Maharashtra and voluntary organisations working in Maharashtra are pending in the Ministry. It may, however, be stated that the receipt and sanction of the proposals for the welfare of the tribal; people is an on-going process. The proposals submitted by the State Governments under the various schemes of this Ministry are processed and sanctioned when they fulfil the eligibility conditions of the relevant schemes and subject to the availability of funds.

Statement

Details of funds released to Maharashtra under the schemes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for welfare of tribals during the last two years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme/Programme	Funds released to Government of Maharashtra during	
		2002-03	2003-04
1	2	3	4
1.	Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan	3723.83	3351.45
2.	Grant under Article 275(1) of the Constitution	2925.00	2672.00
3.	Grant-in-Aid to NGOs for STs including Coaching & Allied Scheme and Award for exemplary service*	70.61	90.01
3.	Vocational Training Centres in Tribal Areas		
	— State Government	—	73.52
	— *NGOs	4.80	6.99
4.	Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets*	11.13	3.18

1	2	3	4
5.	Development of Primitive Tribal Groups		
	— State Government	100.00	288.00
	— *NGOs	27.00	13.12
6.	Village Grain Bank Scheme	—	27.73
7.	Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship, Book Bank and Upgradation of Merit of ST students	165.02	391.92
8.	Tribal Research Institutes	6.00	27.75
	TOTAL	7033.39	6945.67

*Funds released to NGOs working in Maharashtra

Heritage Cities

*86. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to notify "Heritage Cities" in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any grants are being given to the State Governments for Heritage cities and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no provision in the Ancient Monuments, Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Rules 1959, for notifying heritage cities.

(c) Question does not arise.

Development of coal industry

†*87. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Tenth Five Year Plan, targets were fixed for development of coal industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for achieving these targets; and

(c) the total amount spent thereon by the end of December, 2004?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.